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Hello

My Name is Richard Hughes and Feb 17, 1997 I was appointed to our CATV Committee and a letter by our City attorney Peter Lehmann was sent to me on Feb. 18, 1997 which I received a few days later. regarding comments on new closed captioning rules and there was a form letter enclosed which I was to sign and they would forward it to you.

But in that I don't agree with everything they said in the letter I believe we do need all the courage of our Troy City Council and other groups within our local area so we residents may and can be better informed and somehow we are always talking about cable costs. But being somehow we residents who pay a 5% (franchise fee) on our cable bill which our providers tax on to us, it seems this money received by the communities should be able to help pay this programming.

Maybe I don't understand the process of all this New Closed Captioning rules regarding public, educational and governmental channels. But I do understand being taxed whether it is called management right of way or franchise fee or a term from the dictionary. Broadband Tip. I believe the real term is double dipping. a form of tax twice

I don't know if this is the branch of the (FCC) is handling the suite filed by TCI Cable of Troy or not. 0

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But I do believe the City of Troy has repeatedly treated TCI Cable unfairly by refusing them the right to install Fiber Optic Cable anywhere within Our City and I hope you rule in favor of TCI Cable of Troy and else where

To charge a right of way fee (Franchise Fee) is stealing money un lawfully from Troy Cable subscribers without a vote, because this money is passed on to us Cable subscribers by way of a Franchise fee tax tip double dipping payment for our Troy right of ways which we Tax payers have already paid for. I hope the (FCC) recognizes a scheme to tax Troy residents and residents all over the United States.

Of course the management of our Cities want this franchise fee which in the last fourteen years in Troy amounted to over 4.2 Million dollars and our Troy City Mayor and Council want to spend this money from our General Budget and they wont even televise or Troy Council Meetings because we may know to much of what is going on in our City.

I hope TCI Cable wins this suite and Troy residents do to. No more hidden Taxes Franchise fees Tips

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